

STRIKERS GIVE THEIR SIDE OF DISAGREEMENT

Statement Issued by President of Union; Eight-Hour Day Upheld

Ray R. Canterbury, international president of the Timber Workers union after a conference with workmen affected by the local controversy between them and the operators, today issued the following statement:

"We read with interest the statement of the box manufacturer of this district in yesterday's Evening Herald. We might comment at a good deal of length on the obvious inconsistencies appearing therein, but will only point out what appear to be the most glaring.

"The whole tenor of the statement would make it appear that the people of the United States are in such a poverty stricken condition that there is no present demand for their production nor no hope for a revival of business and economic conditions in time to benefit their industry during the year 1922. If this is true, is there any business sagacity in increasing production by lengthening the work day one hour a day? It reminds one of the answer a merchant once gave when he was asked how he could afford to advertise his wares for sale 'below cost,' and his reply was 'increased volume of business.'

Statement Side-Steps

"The statement carefully side-steps the only phase of this controversy that has ever been an issue as far as the strikers are concerned, viz.: the principle of the eight-hour day in this industry. The men were asked to give one hour of their time to the operation for nothing, as witness the posting of a notice in one of the plants of this city to the effect that 'beginning March 1, this company will operate its various departments nine hours a day. Wages per day will remain the same as now being paid for eight hours.' This was a plain abandonment of the eight-hour day in fact and in principle, and explains why the factory workers rose spontaneously in protest. Let it be understood that the day has arrived when the American workmen have become wedded to the principle of the eight-hour day as expressed in the laws enacted by our government, designating that eight hours shall be the workday in all government institutions and projects. The workmen hold this principle so dear that they would willingly sacrifice any other principle, even wages.

Strikers, Home Owners

"The strikers in Klamath Falls are not of the roving, restless type; for the most part they are home-owners, law-abiding, substantial type of citizens. If the industry were in such a deplorable condition, as reasonable men they would have listened to any real attempt to explain the situation to them on the part of the employers, and beyond a shadow of doubt would have agreed to any reasonable proposition that would have been helpful; and while they hold that the eight-hour day must be ever held sacredly, as has always been the policy of organized workmen, would have agreed to work a longer day in case of emergency. Of course, it should have been understood that the change was but temporary, and with no attempt to abandon permanently the eight-hour workday as a basic work period in industry.

Vital Principle Involved

"But they were treated to the abrupt 'posting of notices,' with

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES

A continuation of present weather conditions may be expected during the next 24 hours, as the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows that little change has taken place in barometric pressure since the report of yesterday.

Forecast for the next 24 hours: Cloudy, unsettled weather. Indications favorable for rain and snow. Probably cooler.

The Tycoons recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:
High 43
Low 32

RICKARD'S ACCUSERS



EQUIPMENT ORDERED FOR PLAYGROUNDS; MANY CONTRIBUTE

Old-Fashioned Box Supper Will Be Given to Raise Funds for Supervisor

Equipment for the children's playground was ordered by the chamber of commerce playground committee today, with instruction that it be delivered by May 1.

At the meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms last night arrangements were made to have an old-fashioned box supper about the middle of May to raise sufficient money to employ a supervisor during the summer months. The committee feels assured that the organizations will subscribe enough funds to pay for the equipment and the installation. The management of the box supper will be in the hands of the women's auxiliary of the chamber.

Mrs. H. M. Ackley, chairman of the playground committee announced this morning that the following organizations had already announced subscriptions to the fund: P. E. O. society, Order Eastern Star, women's auxiliary chamber of commerce, Al Crystal, Leisure Hour club, Auction bridge club, A. V. club, chamber of commerce, Art Needle Work club, and Library club.

As most of the organizations are contributing on a weekly or monthly basis, the definite amount cannot be determined; but the total was sufficient to cause the committee to place the order and, with several other organizations to hear from, it is felt that enough will be subscribed to cover the amount by the time the equipment arrives.

The committee is looking for an experienced supervisor and will be pleased to interview applicants.

MORE JURORS DRAWN

Many on Regular Panel Excused on Account of Sickness

Ten additional jurors have been drawn and have been notified to appear in court Saturday morning. It became necessary to draw more jurors due to the fact that so many on the regular panel have been excused on account of sickness and other valid excuses, and the court did not deem it advisable to start a new case in court without sufficient jurors.

The jurors drawn were: H. D. Bussey, M. W. Coscomb, Henry Voss, Frank Mills, W. E. Ezell, Frank Dobry, Edward Freuer, John Hagelstein, Tom Lyon and John Hibberts.

FOOD SALE PROCEEDS FOR THE CIVIC LEAGUE

The local W. C. T. U. will hold a cooked food sale Saturday, March 25, beginning at 10 a. m., in Johnstone's furniture store, 719 Main street. The proceeds will go to the Klamath Civic league.

ARMOUR RICHES FAIL TO SAVE LIFE OF CHILD

Six-Year-Old Girl Dies After Resources of Chicago Unavailing

CHICAGO, March 23.—Gwendolyn Armour, aged six, daughter of Philip B. Armour the third, died today from a form of septicaemia after a week's illness during which the millions of the Armour family, the skill of a dozen physicians and a dozen nurses, and the resources of the entire city of Chicago were unavailing in the fight with death.

Never in Chicago's history were such heroic efforts made to save a life. A week ago she contracted a throat infection. It was considered at first merely a minor illness, but the poison spread through her body and finally her condition became so serious that the greatest physicians in the middle west were summoned.

SNIPERS ARE ACTIVE

Machine Guns Used Against Reconnoitering Parties in Ulster

BELFAST, March 23.—Snipers on the southern side of the Ulster border are reported to be using light machine guns against reconnoitering parties.

The snipers are active with rifles, firing intermittently in the sector between Aughnacloy and Caidon. In Belfast two constables were shot and mortally wounded at noon on May street by a band which escaped.

All road traffic on the Free State side in the vicinity of Portmanagh was reported suspended.

BIG DIAMOND SEIZURE

Stone, Valued at Over \$85,000, Taken From Brazilian

NEW YORK, March 23.—Diamonds worth over \$85,000 were seized here today by customs officials. Francisco Chamie, a Brazilian rubber dealer, was arrested charged with smuggling gems which he was trying to sell at a jewelry shop when apprehended.

ALOHA CLUB TO MEET

The Aloha club will meet at the Baldwin hotel tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 for a social afternoon. Mrs. H. E. Momyer and Mrs. Kipp Van Riper will be hostesses for the afternoon.

BIG YEAR FOR HOME BUILDING PREDICTED BY DEPT. COMMERCE

\$75,000,000 Worth of Residential Construction Contracts in Northwest States

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—All signs point to 1922 as a big year for home builders, according to the department of commerce. The department's division of building and housing has studied reports of contracts awarded, analyzed figures on building permits and consulted with builders and real estate men from scores of cities, and concludes that before the year is out the United States will have begun to reduce its housing shortage of about one million homes.

Some very simple figures tell the story. In 27 northwestern states, in which over two-thirds of our people live, the F. W. Dodge company, reports that contracts for 75 million dollars worth of residential construction were awarded in February. The figure was the same for January, while December showed a total of 161 million dollars. These figures compare with a monthly average for the year 1919 of 51 million dollars and for 1921 of 73 million dollars.

The showing is very remarkable, as normally December, January, and February are the three lowest months of the year, and it is especially encouraging since the late summer and fall months showed an unusually large number of building projects started, to be carried along during the winter season. Everything points, therefore, to an active spring building season.

Situation Varies

The situation varies greatly between different cities. Of course, a few even having a surplus of homes, but a number of places apparently will build to the limit of their capacity. In view of general business conditions it does not seem likely that there will be any great general increase in building material prices or building trade wages. In fact, the steady activity during the fall and winter months indicates that the demand for new construction is of a steady, healthy nature, that would probably slacken in case of any marked advances.

Measured in floor space, the average contracts awarded during the past three months stand well above the 1921 average and very close to the high year of 1919. With such a start the year 1922 could easily rank ahead of any year since the beginning of the war.

Residential buildings have accounted for 47 per cent, or nearly half of all new construction during the past three months, whereas during the years 1919 to 1921 residential construction was only 31 per cent, or less than one-third of the total. Homebuilders are having first call on the resources of the construction industry.

MINERS WARNED VIOLENCE WILL BE PROHIBITED

Federal Government Takes Hand in Approaching Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23. Warning that the federal government would tolerate no violence to prevent coal production during the threatened coal strike was issued today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Representative Bland of Indiana introduced a bill calling for the appointment by the president of a committee to investigate conditions in the coal mining industries.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The coal strike will have the "fullest, most effective co-operation of the American Federation of Labor," it was announced, after a visit by a mine union official with delegates representing Samuel Gompers.

ELKS PLAN PAGEANT

Winney of Queen Contest to Be Presented With Automobile

PORTLAND, March 23.—Ten entrants already have had their names submitted in the contest for ruling queen during the Elks' Prosperity week, May 15-21, and inquiries that are pouring in indicate that the list before the contest begins will be considerably larger. Various organizations in the city are taking an active interest and are preparing to boost the candidacy of some member of their concern. The winner not only will preside over all activities of the Elks during Prosperity week, but will be presented with an automobile. Present also will be given those second and third in the race for popularity, and they will be given a prominent part in the pageant which is to be the feature of the week.

Lodges outside of Portland have been asked to select a queen from their localities who will be invited to come to Portland and participate in the various events and as an attendant to the ruling queen. Several lodges already have accepted and are preparing for contests. And word has been received that some cities may enter the field with candidates for the big prize, contending with Portland girls for the queenly honors.

PROMOTER ON TRIAL



YOUNG SCHOOL GIRL ON WITNESS STAND ACCUSES PROMOTER

15-Year-Old Sarah Schoenfeldt Recites Story of Alleged Assaults by Tex Rickard

NEW YORK, March 22.—An undersized, tousled hair school girl in short dresses, Sarah Schoenfeldt, just over 15 years old, sat in a witness chair in the supreme court for more than two hours today and told Justice Wasservogel and a jury of alleged assaults on her by George L. (Tex) Rickard, internationally known sports promoter.

As she recited her story in a lisping voice, the man who had arranged some of the greatest pugilistic encounters in history, sat with arms folded, staring at her. Only occasionally did he relax and then to whisper in his counsel's ear or to make notes with a pencil.

Introduced by Chum

The girl told how she had been introduced to Rickard by her chum, Nellie Gasko, last summer at the swimming pool in Madison Square garden. He gave them both money, she said, and took them to a dance and see him at his office in the tower of the building. Upon their visit, she testified, Rickard gave them a note and asked them to call at an apartment in West 47th street. They called at the apartment later and there the alleged assault took place.

Charges that Tex Rickard had improperly conducted himself with several little New York school-girls came unexpectedly on January 21, from the society for the prevention of cruelty to children. Officers in that organization appeared in magistrate's court with Alice Ruck, 15-year-old daughter of an east side widow who works as a domestic, and complained that the promoter of sporting events had criminally assaulted her on several occasions.

Two of Alice's companions, Anna Hess, 11, and Elvira Renzie, 12, went along with her as Rickard's accusers. Both are daughters of poor east side workers. Anna told that Rickard tried to assault her and Elvira Renzie was detained as a witness.

Reported Missing

The following week Nellie Gasko, 12 years old, was reported missing. In a few days detectives found her on a farm near Wappingers Falls, N. Y., with a private detective, Nathan Podd who was brought to New York and charged with kidnapping and bribing a "witness in a pending criminal action."

After his indictment and before his trial, Rickard gave up his official connection with Madison Square garden and the promotion of boxing contests and other athletic events in that famous old rendezvous of sport lovers.

SODERLUND BEING TRIED ON BAD CHECK CHARGE

Gust Soderlund is today on trial in the circuit court for issuing a worthless check to P. E. Hannon. The jury was drawn this morning and the state is now introducing evidence. Judge Stone stated that there was a possibility that the case would be completed this afternoon.

PASSAGE OF SOLDIER BONUS BILL CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Passage of the \$4,000,000 soldier bonus bill by the house before adjournment was made certain today with the adoption of a resolution for consideration of the bill under a suspension of rules.

TWO DISTRICTS GIVE APPROVAL FOR IRRIGATION

Horsefly and Langell Land Owners Ratify Contract With Government

By a vote of 86 to 14 at a special election yesterday ratification of the land owners of the Langell valley and Horsefly irrigation districts was given the proposed government contract calling for construction of canals, laterals and diversion dams in the two districts, which will ultimately provide irrigation and drainage for approximately 46,000 acres of land. Approval was given by Langell voters, 53 to 5, and by Horsefly voters, 32 to 9. Nearly a 100 per cent vote was said to have been cast.

Proponents of irrigation development see in the results of the election recognition by the land owners of the importance of co-operation with the government. A movement for the irrigation of these districts was started in 1905 but failed when the 95 per cent of the owners failed to sign in accordance with government requirements. Another attempt was made in 1917 when a district was organized and plans laid to do the work by private contracts. Engineering was completed and passed upon by D. C. Henley, consulting engineer. When bids were called for, however, it was found that the cost of the work would be excessive as well as that the district bonds would necessarily have to be sold at a prohibitive discount.

Early completion of the Horsefly reservoir, with a storage capacity of 100,000 acre feet and draining approximately 200 square miles, is now expected by irrigation advocates. They point out that the reservoir will also serve Tule lake lands through preventing drainage of a large area into that district.

Twenty persons residing in this city who own land in the two districts drove out yesterday to attend the election.

FINAL TREATY BATTLE

Administration Leaders Hold Lines Intact Against Onslaughts

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—What was thought to be a final forerunner battle over the four-power Pacific treaty began in the senate today with administration leaders holding the line intact against the irreconcilables' onslaughts and predicting ratification would be voted tomorrow with no reservations except the "no allowance" approved by the foreign relations committee and accepted by the president.

Enough votes were pledged, leaders said, to reject all other proposed reservations and amendments.

MAN IS INDICTED ON NON-SUPPORT CHARGE

Peter Petersterner was indicted by the grand jury at the last session for non-support of his wife. He is now under arrest and will put up bonds this afternoon.

Dad Brings Home Bacon But Dog Rustles Bread

C. F. Werner, 58 Main street, says that bringing home the bacon is the easiest thing he does. He is in the meat business. But when it comes to all-around providing for the table, he relinquishes the honors to his little dog, Trizie.

The other morning Mrs. Werner remarked there was no bread in the house. Trizie, who was standing nearby, at once went outdoors and not five minutes later returned with half a loaf of perfectly good home-made bread.

"You cannot call this a coincidence," Werner said. "Upon another occasion I forgot to bring home meat, and Trizie went out and rustled a pork chop."

Werner says several people have offered to buy or rent Trizie, but that he would not consider any such proposition until business improves. "I may need a suit of clothes," he concluded.

